

Table 1 (DRAFT) List of *Bird Species of Special Concern in California* Arranged Taxonomically within Five Subsections, Including Three Priority Levels of Ranked Taxa^a; Boldfaced Taxa also Occur on the *Responsibility List of Birds in California* (Table 7)

Taxa Assigned to the List Based Solely on the BSSC Definition

Taxa Extirpated from the State Totally or in their Primary Seasonal or Breeding Role (5 taxa)

Common loon (breeding)	(<i>Gavia immer</i>)
Barrow's goldeneye (breeding)	(<i>Bucephala islandica</i>)
Sharp-tailed grouse (year round)	(<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus</i>)
San Clemente Bewick's wren (year round)	(<i>Thryomanes bewickii leucophrys</i>)
Santa Barbara song sparrow ^b (year round)	(<i>Melospiza melodia graminea</i> , sensu AOU 1957)

Taxa Listed as Federally, but not State, Threatened or Endangered (6 taxa)

Short-tailed albatross	(<i>Phoebastria albatrus</i>)
Snowy plover (coastal population)	(<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>)
Northern spotted owl	(<i>Strix occidentalis caurina</i>)
San Clemente loggerhead shrike^c	(<i>Lanius ludovicianus mearnsi</i>)
Alta California gnatcatcher	(<i>Polioptila californica californica</i>)
San Clemente sage sparrow^d	(<i>Amphispiza belli clementeae</i>)

Taxa Assigned to the List by Ranking Schemes

First Priority (22 taxa)

Fork-tailed storm-petrel	(<i>Oceanodroma furcata</i>)
American white pelican	(<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>)
Wood stork	(<i>Mycteria americana</i>)
Fulvous whistling-duck	(<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>)
Harlequin duck	(<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>)
Mountain plover	(<i>Charadrius montanus</i>)
Gull-billed tern	(<i>Sterna nilotica</i>)
Tufted puffin	(<i>Fratercula cirrhata</i>)
Burrowing owl	(<i>Athene cunicularia</i>)
Island loggerhead shrike	(<i>Lanius ludovicianus anthonyi</i>)
Gray vireo	(<i>Vireo vicinior</i>)
Purple martin	(<i>Progne subis</i>)
San Diego cactus wren	(<i>Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus sandiegensis</i>)
Bendire's thrasher	(<i>Toxostoma bendirei</i>)
Crissal thrasher	(<i>Toxostoma crissale</i>)
Sonora yellow warbler	(<i>Dendroica petechia sonorana</i>)
San Francisco common yellowthroat	(<i>Geothlypis trichas sinuosa</i>)
Summer tanager	(<i>Piranga rubra</i>)
San Clemente spotted towhee	(<i>Pipilo maculatus clementae</i>)
Alameda song sparrow	(<i>Melospiza melodia pusillula</i>)
Channel Island song sparrow^e	(<i>Melospiza melodia graminea</i> , sensu Patten 2001)
Tricolored blackbird	(<i>Agelaius tricolor</i>)

Second Priority (24 taxa)

Ashy storm-petrel	(<i>Oceanodroma homochroa</i>)
Tule greater white-fronted goose	(<i>Anser albifrons elgasi</i>)
Redhead	(<i>Aythya americana</i>)

Northern harrier	(<i>Circus cyaneus</i>)
Harris's hawk	(<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>)
Greater sage-grouse	(<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>)
Mount Pinos blue grouse	(<i>Dendragapus obscurus howardi</i>)
Yellow rail	(<i>Coturnicops noveboracensis</i>)
Lesser sandhill crane	(<i>Grus canadensis canadensis</i>)
Xantus's murrelet	(<i>Synthliboramphus hypoleucus</i>)
Cassin's auklet	(<i>Ptychoramphus aleuticus</i>)
Long-eared owl	(<i>Asio otus</i>)
Short-eared owl	(<i>Asio flammeus</i>)
Olive-sided flycatcher	(<i>Contopus copperi</i>)
Catalina Hutton's vireo	(<i>Vireo huttoni unitti</i>)
Clark's marsh wren	(<i>Cistothorus palustris clarkae</i>)
Le Conte's thrasher (<i>San Joaquin population</i>)	(<i>Toxostoma lecontei</i>)
Yellow warbler	(<i>Dendroica petechia</i>)
Oregon vesper sparrow	(<i>Poocetes gramineus affinis</i>)
Large-billed savannah sparrow	(<i>Passerculus sandwichensis rostratus</i>)
Grasshopper sparrow	(<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>)
Samuel's song sparrow	(<i>Melospiza melodia samuelis</i>)
Kern red-winged blackbird	(<i>Agelaius phoeniceus aciculatus</i>)
Yellow-headed blackbird	(<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>)
<i>Third Priority (22 taxa)</i>	
Black storm-petrel	(<i>Oceanodroma melania</i>)
Least bittern	(<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>)
Brant	(<i>Branta bernicla</i>)
Northern goshawk	(<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>)
Prairie falcon	(<i>Falco mexicanus</i>)
Catalina California quail	(<i>Callipepla californica catalinensis</i>)
Snowy plover (<i>interior population</i>)	(<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>)
Royal tern	(<i>Sterna maxima</i>)
Elegant tern	(<i>Sterna elegans</i>)
Black tern	(<i>Chlidonias niger</i>)
Black skimmer	(<i>Rynchops niger</i>)
California spotted owl	(<i>Strix occidentalis occidentalis</i>)
Vaux's swift	(<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>)
Vermilion flycatcher	(<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>)
California horned lark	(<i>Eremophila alpestris actia</i>)
California Swainson's thrush	(<i>Catharus ustulatus oedicus</i>)
Lucy's warbler	(<i>Vermivora luciae</i>)
Yellow-breasted chat	(<i>Icteria virens</i>)
Santa Cruz Island rufous-crowned sparrow	(<i>Aimophila ruficeps obscura</i>)
Bryant's savannah sparrow	(<i>Passerculus sandwichensis alaudinus</i>)
song sparrow (" <i>Modesto</i> " population) ^f	(<i>Melospiza melodia</i>)
Suisun song sparrow	(<i>Melospiza melodia maxillaris</i>)

^a Subspecific taxonomy follows the AOU (1957) and subsequent revisions published in peer-reviewed journals; see species accounts for details.

^b Subspecific validity is uncertain. This subspecies, now extinct, was recognized by the AOU (1957), but has been merged by Patten (2001) with the San Miguel (*M. m. micronyx*) and San Clemente (*M. m. clementae*) song sparrows as the [Channel] island song sparrow (*M. m. graminea*).

^c Subspecific identity of shrikes currently on San Clemente is uncertain. Mundy et al. (1997a, b) provided evidence *L. l. mearnsi* is genetically distinct from *L. l. gambeli* and *L. l. anthonyi*, whereas Patten and Campbell (2000) concluded, based on morphology, that the birds now on San Clemente are intergrades between *L. l. mearnsi* and *L. l. anthonyi*.

^d Subspecific validity uncertain. Recognized by AOU (1957), but not by Patten and Unitt (2002).

^e Subspecific validity uncertain; see comment above in footnote b regarding proposed merger of various island subspecies.

^f Recognized by AOU (1957), but not by Patten (2001).